

CLAIMS

1. An information processing device for transmitting and receiving electronic mail over a transmission line, comprising:

a memory means for storing answer examples for a reply mail;

a contents selecting means for presenting a contents of received mail and picking therefrom contents necessary for preparing a reply to the received mail;

an answer message selecting means for selecting any of the answer examples stored by the memory means; and

a reply-mail preparing means for preparing a reply mail by coupling the contents selected by the contents selecting means with answer examples selected by the answer example selecting means.

2. An information processing device as defined in claim 1, wherein it is further provided with a reply mail setting means for setting a sender of the received mail as an addressee of the reply mail and a receiver of the received mail as an addresser of the reply mail.

3. An information processing device as defined in any of claims 1 and 2, wherein it is further provided with a reply example preparing means for generating any kinds of answer examples and an answer example adding means for additionally storing the answer examples prepared by the reply example preparing means into the memory means.

4. A storage medium carrying a program readable by a computer, which program causes the computer to execute steps of:

storing necessary contents picked from received mail into
a reply contents storage means;

presenting candidate answer examples previously stored in
a candidate answer storage means;

storing any one selected from the presented candidate answers into an answer storage means; and

preparing reply mail by coupling the contents stored in the reply contents storage means with the answer examples stored in the answer storage means and storing the prepared reply mail in a reply mail storage means.

5. A storage medium carrying a program readable by a computer,
which program causes the computer to execute steps of:

storing necessary contents picked from received mail into
a reply contents storage means;

presenting candidate answer examples previously stored in a candidate answer storage means;

storing any one selected from the presented candidate answers into an answer storage means;

preparing reply mail by coupling the contents stored in the reply contents storage means with a contents stored in the answer storage means and storing the prepared reply mail in a reply mail storage means; and

setting a sender of the received mail as an addressee of the
reply mail and a receiver of the received mail as an addresser

